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COMBINED 2005 DISTRICT REPORT, 2007 PRO BONO GRANT APPLICATION, AND 2007 PLAN

Pro Bono District ONE

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Names of Counties served: Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski & Starke

Percentage of volunteer attorneys (as defined on page 3) who accepted a pro bono case in 2005 per registered attorneys in district, i.e. the district's pro bono participation rate

10.5% (160 of 1519) (15.8% total worked on case in 2005 (241 of 1519))

To the extent the pro bono participation rate information is available by county, please provide below.

Accepted case in 2005: Jasper: 21.4% (6 of 28); Lake: 12.6% (120 of 958); LaPorte: 6.9% (10 of 144); Newton: 7.14% (1 of 14); Porter: 3.2% (10 of 341); Pulaski: 18.7% (3 of 16); Starke: 55.5% (10 of 18)

Accepted or worked on case in 2005 by county: Jasper: 28.5% (8 of 28); Lake: 18.5% (178 of 958); LaPorte: 13.9% (20 of 144); Newton: 15.2% (2 of 14); Porter: 5.6% (19 of 341); Pulaski: 18.7% (3 of 16); Starke: 61.1% (11 of 18)

Number of potential clients requesting help in 2005 (intake numbers, for example): 380

Amount of grant received for 2006: \$ 80,000

Amount of grant (2006 & prior years) projected to be unused as of 12/31/06: -0- (see budget note)

Amount requested for 2007: \$ 110,000

One supplemental, explanatory page may be added to the end of this report and plan.

- 1. Please write a brief summary of the 2007 grant request. Please include information regarding your district's planned activities including committee meetings, training, attorney recognition, newspaper or magazine articles, marketing and promotion. The grant request should cover needs to be addressed, methods, target audience, anticipated outcomes, and how past difficulties will be addressed.**

Our Plans for 2007 are relatively simple. Our Committee meets quarterly and ad hoc committees meet if needed. Our seven counties have the second largest poverty population in the state and we have no lack of applicants for our services. Thus our primary activities for 2007, as the past five years, will be constant attorney recruitment, client screening, referral and follow-up.

Our Committee will again participate in the 2007 ISBA Martin Luther King Day "Talk to a Lawyer Today" event and accompanying 2006/07 CLE programs in most of our counties. We will also continue our very successful annual Volunteer Recognition Night at the Gary South-Shore Railcats Stadium. Beginning with 2007, we hope to add similar, albeit smaller, Recognition events, hopefully with the collaboration of county bar associations and judiciary, in our other six counties and to increase media coverage of the contributions made by our volunteers.

Secondly, our Plan Administrator and several of our Committee members continue to be active participants in the Family Court Pro Se Clinic and advisory committee of Lake Superior Court. We will work to encourage courts in our other counties to establish similar projects. The availability of the pro se clinic has proven very valuable to shorten the waiting time for clients who need temporary spousal or child support, etc. while awaiting a pro bono volunteer to assist with other issues in their case. It also provides an outlet to which to refer clients who have no custody or financial issues and are therefore low on our priority list for an attorney referral.

Third, the Lake County Bar Association has also adopted a "Modest Means" program, hoping to recruit family law attorneys to agree to assist at a sliding scale reduced rate clients whose income is between 125% of the federal poverty threshold (our pro bono income limit) and 200% of FPL for which we would provide the screening and referrals. Thus we may be able to assist more of the "working poor" with minimal expenditure on our part.

We also plan to experiment with the "unbundling" of legal services approach as another way of more promptly meeting our clients' legal needs.

Fourth, in addition to the above direct service activities, our Plan Administrator collaborates with the Volunteer Advocates for Seniors (VAS) adult guardianship program which has been established under the auspices of our local hospitals in Lake County and expects to expand into our surrounding counties in 2006/2007. Besides participating on the advisory board, we provide volunteer attorneys to assist with incorporation and related legal work.

Our Plan Administrator also was recently named to the Northwest Indiana Workforce Board, which oversees policy and federal and state funded workforce development services to the unemployed and under-employed in our seven counties. She also is a "Friend" of Sojourner Truth House, a day shelter for homeless women and children located in Gary which has served almost a thousand persons so far this year and from which we frequently receive referrals for pro bono legal assistance.

Last but not least we are in discussion with the Indiana Justice Center's WEB site coordinator, Vickie Deak, about sponsoring a conference in late 2006 or early 2007 for social service providers and libraries in our district on WEB based resources for legal information and referrals for services.

2005 REPORT OF VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY CASES IN DISTRICT ONE

Please attach additional pages for each pro bono provider that receives IOLTA funding, whether directly or indirectly, in your district. See the sample additional pro bono provider page 3A.

Please list each attorney only once in the volunteer attorney column but complete one line for each pro bono case for that attorney.

Definitions

Case: A legal matter referred to and accepted by a pro bono attorney volunteer. This includes mediation and GAL services.

Volunteer Attorney: An attorney who has rendered pro bono service to at least one low-income client during the year or accepted a pro bono referral from the identified program. This does not include attorneys who are on the list of pro bono volunteers but who have never taken a case. The case numbers do not include cases screened, only cases actually referred to a pro bono attorney. This also includes an attorney who has worked solely on a pending pro bono case that was neither opened nor closed during the reporting year.

Case Type: Please use the abbreviations listed in Indiana Supreme Court Administrative Rule 8(B)(3) or any other defined abbreviation.

Name of Pro Bono Provider (includes legal service provider, court, plan administrator, bar association, and other organizations): **Indiana First Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, Inc.**

IOLTA funding accounts for 86.9 % of total pro bono provider budget. Please state the percentage of volunteers and cases which are attributable to IOLTA funding

86%. If this percentage is substantially more than the percentage of IOLTA funding, please explain.

Volunteer Attorney Name	County	Number of new cases accepted/opened in 2005	Number of cases closed in 2005	Number of cases pending in 2005 that were neither opened nor closed in 2005	Number of hours for cases closed in 2005 (column 4)	Case Type
Comingore	Jasper		2005		112.50	MDI
Dumas	Jasper	2005	2005		7.00	WEG
Potter	Jasper		2005		6.30	MDI
	Jasper	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
	Jasper	2005	2005		40.00	NFP
	Jasper	2005				MDI
	Jasper	2005				CVS
	Jasper	2005				NFP
Randle	Jasper	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
	Jasper	2005				MDI
Sammons	Jasper		2005		30.00	CFI
Tonner	Jasper	2005	2005			20.70
	Jasper		2005		4.30	CVS
Waddle	Jasper	2005	2005		5.00	MDI
	Jasper			X		
Walton	Jasper	2005	2005		22.10	CVS
	Jasper		2005		10.00	NFP
	Jasper		2005		8.00	NFP
	Jasper		2005		8.00	NFP
	Jasper		2005		8.00	NFP
	Jasper		2005		5.00	NFP
	Jasper		2005		2.00	NFP
	Jasper		2005		2.00	NFP

	Jasper		2005		10.00	NFP
Allen, D	Lake	2005				CVS
Angel	Lake		2005		85.60	MDI
	Lake	2005				MDI
Antink	Lake	2005				CFI I
Ashford	Lake	2005	2005		16.30	MDI
Austgen	Lake	2005	2005			CVS
Babineaux	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Ball	Lake	2005			3.00	CFI: in- surance
Bates	Lake		2005		6.00	CFI
Battle-Cashwell	Lake		2005		25.00	GAL
Berkman	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	Lic
Bilse	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	WEG
	Lake	2005				WEG
Bishop, Corinth	Lake	2005				Med
Bosch	Lake		2005		7.00	CFI
	Lake		2005		5.00	CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Bottando	Lake		2005		80.35	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		10.00	misc
	Lake	2005				GAL
	Lake	2005				GAL
	Lake	2005				GAL
Bower	Lake		2005		12.0	CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		8.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		12.00	fam
	Lake	2005				MDI
Brandewie	Lake	2005				MDI
Brasovan	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Buitendorp	Lake	2005				CFI
Carmouche, L.	Lake	2005	2005		10.70	CFI
Casbon	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
Clark	Lake	2005	2005		3.00	CVS
	Lake	2005				CVS/GAL
Clements	Lake	2005	2005		5.00	Per Inj
Cohen, S	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Cohen,M,	Lake	2005				MDI
Cooper	Lake	2005				CFI
Crabtree	Lake	2005	2005		6.00	CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Dabertin	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
	Lake		2005		5.0	CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Dal Santo	Lake	2005				CVS
	Lake			X		MDI
Decker	Lake	2005	2005		11.25	CFI
Demange	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Deppe	Lake		2005		20.0	CFI
Dittrich	Lake		2005		5.0	GAL
Donaldson	Lake	2005	2005			CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		5.00	MDI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Dubovich	Lake	2005	2005		7.50	MDI
	Lake		2005		1.0	LLT
Dugan,J	Lake	2005	2005		5.70	CVS
Dull	Lake		2005		15.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CHINS
Efron	Lake	2005				WEG
Enslen,C	Lake			X		CFI
Enslen, Wm. T.	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	HRP
	Lake	2005				HRP
Fisher	Lake		2005		5.0	MDI
Flores, Fred	Lake	2005	2005		2.00	WEG
Fontanez	Lake	2005				MDI
Freeman-Wilson	Lake			X		CF

Fugate	Lake			X		CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		5.00	CFI
Funk	Lake	2005				CVS
	Lake		2005		36.00	HRP
Galvin, M	Lake		2005		36.00	WEG
Garza	Lake	2005	2005			CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		7.85	MDI
Gasparis	Lake	2005			1.00	CVS
	Lake	2005				CVS
Gloia	Lake		2005		30.00	MDI
	Lake	2005				Med
Giorgi, G.	Lake		2005		15.0	CVS
Glade	Lake		2005		13.50	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		71.00	GAL
	Lake	2005				MED
	Lake	2005				MDI
Gonzalez, V.	Lake	2005	2005		3.75	MDI
	Lake	2005				MDI
Gouveia	Lake	2005				CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Greenberg	Lake	2005				MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	NFP
	Lake	2005				MDI
Grimmer	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		2.50	GAL
Hallett, D.	Lake	2005				CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.50	CFI
	Lake	2005			8.70	CFI
Hallett, T	Lake		2005		0.00	MDI
	Lake	2005				MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		8.80	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Halpin	Lake	2005	2005		10.00	MDI
	Lake	2005				GAL
	Lake	2005				Med
Hammond	Lake	2005				CVS
Harris,W,	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
Hawkins	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Heaphey	Lake			X		WEG
	Lake		2005		10.0	CFI
Hecimovich	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	Pat
Hess	Lake	2005	2005		8.00	tort def
Hill	Lake	2005	2005		3.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		5.50	GAL
Hoffman	Lake		2005		9.70	MDI
Hollandsworth	Lake	2005				MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Hughes, John	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
Irak	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	WEG
Ivanovich	Lake		2005		30.00	CHINS
Jonelis	Lake		2005		46.20	CFI
	Lake		2005		10.80	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		5.10	CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
Jones, A	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
	Lake	2005				MDI
	Lake	2005				MDI
Jones, Wm. Clyde	Lake		2005		5.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.0	CVS
	Lake	2005				CVS –
	Lake		2005		10.0	CFI
Kavadias	Lake	2005				MDI

	Lake	2005					MDI
Kelly, Jeanne	Lake			X			MDI
Kelly, John	Lake	2005					MDI
Komyatte	Lake			X			Tort-def
	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	CFI
	Lake			X			WEG
Kopko	Lake	2005	2005			5.00	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	CFI
Kozlowski	Lake	2005					CVS
Kraemer	Lake	2005	2005			10.00	CFI
	Lake	2005					CFI
	Lake	2005					CFI
Kray	Lake			X			CVS
	Lake	2005					CVS
Kuechenberg	Lake		2005			90.30	GAL
	Lake		2005			60.60	GAL
	Lake		2005			79.05	WEG
Kuzman,R	Lake	2005	2005			2.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005			2.00	MDI
Leonard	Lake		2005			27.50	CVS
	Lake	2005					MDI
	Lake	2005					MDI
Levinson. S.	Lake	2005					LLT
Lewis, Robt.	Lake	2005					CFI
Lewis-Shannon	Lake		2005			1.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	MDI
Longer	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	CFI
	Lake	2005					QDRO
	Lake	2005					MDI
	Lake	2005					CVS
Manning	Lake			X			CFI
	Lake	2005					CFI
	Lake	2005					CFI
Marlowe, B.	Lake	2005	2005			30.00	PR
Marshall,K	Lake	2005		X			CFI
Martinez II, Frank	Lake			X			MDI
Mayer, Richard L.	Lake		2005			6.00	CFI
McCafferty	Lake	2005	2005			45.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005				CVS
	Lake	2005	2005				MDI
	Lake	2005	2005			4.00	CVS
McDowell,Jr.	Lake		2005			1.00	WEG
Miller, Sam	Lake	2005	2005			2.00	CFI
Mulholland	Lake	2005					CFI
Mullen	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	MDI
Nchekube	Lake	2005	2005			0.25	IMM
Neff	Lake		2005				MDI
O'Donnell	Lake	2005	2005			4.25	MDI
	Lake	2005					MDI
	Lake		2005			38.16	MDI
Padove	Lake	2005					CVS
	Lake	2005					MDI
	Lake	2005	2005			26.93	MDI
Padula	Lake	2005					MDI
Page	Lake	2005	2005			2.50	MDI
	Lake			X			HRP
Pangere, V	Lake	2005	2005			42.35	MDI
Pangere, K	Lake		2005			1.00	CFI
Parent	Lake	2005					CVS
	Lake	2005	2005			10.00	MDI
	Lake	2005					CVS
Pierson	Lake	2005	2005			5.50	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005			10.00	CFI
Place	Lake			X			MDI
Rice	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	MDI
Ritzi	Lake	2005	2005			1.00	CVS
Rohrer	Lake	2005					Med
Samreta	Lake	2005					Tort: ins.

						def
Schlesinger	Lake			X		CVS
	Lake			X		CVS
	Lake		2005		1.0	
Schmidgall	Lake	2005	2005		1.75	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005			CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		6.50	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005			CFI
	Lake	2005	2005			CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Schmidt, K	Lake		2005		7.00	CFI - patent
Selund	Lake	2005	2005		4.00	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005			LLT
Shaver	Lake			X		MDI
Sircar	Lake			X		HRP
Slegel	Lake		2005		31.75	GAL
	Lake	2005	2005		20.75	MDI
	Lake	2005				MDI
	Lake	2005				CVS
Smith, R.	Lake	2005	2005			CFI
Stamper	Lake	2005				GAL
Stankiewicz	Lake	2005				WEG
	Lake	2005				CVS
Stanton	Lake			X		CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		2.5	CVS
Stassin	Lake	2005	2005		0.00	CVS
Sterba	Lake	2005	2005		12.50	Annulm
	Lake	2005				MDI
Stigler	Lake	2005	2005		20.0	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		20.00	CFI
	Lake	2005	2005		20.00	CVS
Szczepanski	Lake	2005				MED
Szumlanski	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
Taylor, B	Lake	2005				MDI
	Lake	2005	2005		1.50	MDI
Taylor, Robert	Lake	2005	2005		21.00	CVS
	Lake	2005	2005		12.00	MDI
Turley	Lake		2005		10.00	UEB
	Lake	2005				UEB
V.Pangere	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CVSpa- ternity
Vawter	Lake	2005				CFI
	Lake	2005				CFI
Warring	Lake	2005	2005		5.00	Lic
	Lake	2005	2005		3.75	Empl.
						UEB
	Lake	2005				CFI
Weiss	Lake	2005	2005		3.00	CFI
Woloshansky	Lake	2005	2005			MDI
Wolter	Lake		2005		23.70	CFI
Wyatt L	Lake	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
Wyatt, Rebecca	Lake	2005				HRP
	Lake	2005				HRP
Yugo	Lake	2005				WEG
Zembillas	Lake	2005				CFI
Biege	LaPorte	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Hale	LaPorte	2005	2005		2.20	WEG
Allen, Larry	LaPorte		2005		1.00	CVS
	LaPorte		2005		1.00	MDI
Bamberth	LaPorte	2005	2005			MDI
Baughner	LaPorte	2005	2005		4.80	MDI
	LaPorte	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
	LaPorte	2005				CVS
	LaPorte	2005				CVS
Bergerson	LaPorte	2005	2005		12.00	WEG

Braje	LaPorte	2005	2005		15.75	MDI
Espar	LaPorte		2005		7.50	CVS
Forker	LaPorte	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
	LaPorte	2005				MDI
Fox	LaPorte	2005				MDI
Friedman,B	LaPorte	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Hedge	LaPorte		2005		3.00	MDI
Herrbach	LaPorte		2005		5.00	CVS
Hofer	LaPorte			X		CVS
Howes, R	LaPorte		2005		40.00	MDI
Johnson, K	LaPorte		2005		5.20	MDI
Link	LaPorte		2005		6.60	LLT
Nelson,Jr.	LaPorte		2005		2.25	MDI
Rutkowski	LaPorte	2005	2005		9.20	MDI
Thorne	LaPorte		2005		15.00	CFI
Blaney	Newton	2005				CVS
Reed	Newton		2005		1.0	MDI
	Newton			X		MDI
Bozik	Porter	2005	2005		1.00	WEG
Brooks	Porter	2005	2005		4.00	CFI
Busse	Porter			X		MDI
	Porter		2005		50.00	PoorRe- lief
Cagen	Porter	2005	2005		1.00	Tort
DuBois	Porter	2005	2005		1.00	CFI
	Porter	2005				CFI
Evans	Porter	2005				WEG
Gambill	Porter			X		MDI
Harper	Porter	2005		X		CVS
Hartman	Porter		2005		12.00	CFI
	Porter	2005	2005		1.00	MDI
Langer	Porter	2005	2005		1.85	CVS
Mack	Porter		2005		4.0	WEG
McClure	Porter		2005		8.0	MDI
O'Hara	Porter		2005		1.0	CFI
Ostojic, D	Porter	2005				CFI
	Porter	2005				CFI
Shanahan	Porter		2005		7.40	MDI
	Porter	2005	2005		17.75	MDI
Shaw, Jeff	Porter		2005		30.00	MDI
Studtmann	Porter	2005				Lic
	Porter		2005		1.0	CFI
Traficante	Porter		2005		10.00	MDI/Pate rnity
	Porter		2005		10.00	MDI/Pate rnity
Wagenblast	Porter		2005		1.0	CVS
Hizer	Pulaski		2005		4.00	MDI
Murphy,Dan	Pulaski	2005	2005		6.30	WEG
	Pulaski	2005	2005		1.00	CVS
Murray	Pulaski	2005	2005		2.00	CVS
Baer	Starke	2005	2005		15.50	WEG
	Starke	2005				MDI
Ballard	Starke	2005				MDI
Bedrock	Starke	2005				CVS
Dodge	Starke		2005		2.50	MDI
	Starke		2005		3.70	MDI
Geisler	Starke	2005	2005		0.25	CVS
Gudeman	Starke		2005		1.50	WEG
Hine	Starke	2005				CVS
	Starke		2005		0.00	MDI
	Starke	2005	2005		5.26	MDI
	Starke	2005			7.80	MDI
Lucas	Starke	2005				MDI
Pease	Starke	2005				MDI
Traylor-Wolf	Starke	2005	2005		6.00	MDI
Wallsmith	Starke		2005		5.00	MDI

Volunteers	Accepted	Closed	Non-2005	Closed Hrs:
TOTAL:	TOTAL:	TOTAL:	Pending	TOTAL:
206	249	218	27	2173.67

@\$150/hr
Value: \$326,050

Additional Information:

Total 2005Hrs including non-closed cases: 2436.05

Value @\$150/hr 365,407.50

Total open cases 12/31/05 ("Pending" + 74
carried over to
2006
Opened 2005
and not closed)

CASE TYPES

Code:

Family Law:

CVS: Custody, Visitation, support

CHINS Children in Need of Services

MDI: Dissolution

GAL: Guardian ad Litem

Other:

CFI: Consumer

IMM: Immigration

LLT: Landlord/Tenant

NFP: Not-for-Profit Org.

Med: Mediator

HRP: Homeownership

UEB Unemployment Benefits

WEG Wills/estates/guardianships

2005 REPORT OF VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY LIMITED INFORMATION ACTIVITY IN DISTRICT ONE

This limited legal information chart can include activities such as pro se clinics and call-in or walk-in informational services.

Please attach additional pages for each pro bono provider that receives IOLTA funding, whether directly or indirectly, in your district. See the sample additional pro bono provider page 4A.

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Name of Pro Bono Provider (includes legal service provider, court, plan administrator, bar association, and other organizations): Indiana First Judicial District Pro Bono Committee, Inc.

Volunteer Attorney Name	County	Type of Activity	Number of Hours
Bushemi	Lake	City of Hammond Clinic	11.5
Godshalk	Lake	City of Hammond Clinic	6.7
Sersic	Lake	City of Hammond Clinic	42
Babineaux	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Ball	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Boswell	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Bower, C	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Brooks, C.Jr	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Callies	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Chary	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Davis, Judge	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	6
Dawkins	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Dogan	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Enslin, C	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Hanson	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Hatcher	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Irving	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Jarrett	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	4
Jonelis	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Jones, Carl	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Jones, Wm	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	6
Julkes	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Kramer, Thomas	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Massa, Michael	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Matthews, Regan	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Meinzer	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
O'Gallagher	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Page, T. Edw	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Progar	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Resop	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Schab	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Schmidgall	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Selund, Jr	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Sims	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Stanton, J.	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	9
Stigler	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Stracci	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Thiros, Nick	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Vazanelis	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2

Warring	Lake	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Davis, Gary	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Hale	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Howes	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Janes	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Johnson, K.	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Kus	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
TranskiTraylor-Wolfe	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Wade	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Wolf	LaPorte	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Bush	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Eldred	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Fleming	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Maas	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
McClure	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Olsen, Shaun	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Pendleton	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Scherschel	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Shanahan	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Turley	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Wagenblast	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Wischmeyer	Porter	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Tankersley, K	Pulaski	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Fortin	Starke	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Geisler	Starke	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Gudeman	Starke	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Kocher	Starke	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Traylor-Wolfe	Starke	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Welker	Starke	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Flores	Starke	Talk to a Lawyer Today/MLK	2
Battle-Cashwell	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Boswell	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Enslen, W	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Flores	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Funk	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Glade	Lake	ProSeClinic	12
Godshalk	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Hagberg	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Hammond	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Jones, Wm.	Lake	ProSeClinic	6
Kavadias	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Kelly, Jeanne	Lake	ProSeClinic	6
Marrie	Lake	ProSeClinic	6
Nicholls	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
Peters, Robt Jr.	Lake	ProSeClinic	9
Price	Lake	ProSeClinic	6
Rice, Jim	Lake	ProSeClinic	6
Stanton, Judy	Lake	ProSeClinic	6
Wyatt, L.	Lake	ProSeClinic	3
	Porter	ProSeClinic	3
OVERALL VOLUNTEER ATTORNEY TOTAL: 84			OVERALLHOURS TOTAL: 299.2

2005 REPORT

Please list your District's 2005 activities--including committee meetings, training, attorney recognition, newspaper or magazine articles, marketing and promotion--in chronological order.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>
1/04	Pro Se Clinic – Room Three, Gary
1/07	CLE for TALT & PB volunteers – Knox
1/13	CLE for TALT & PB volunteers – Michigan City
1/14	CLE for TALT & PB volunteers – Crown Point
1/17	Talk to a Lawyer Today Event: Gary, Hobart, Merrillville, East Chicago, Portage, Michigan City, Knox
1/18	Pro Se Clinic and Pro Se Clinic Advisory Committee Meeting
1/21	Meet with Adult Guardianship Task Force
2/8	Pro Se Clinic
3/4	Meet with Vickie Deak, ILS technology, re community resources
3/22	Family Court/pro se clinic advisory board meeting
3/23	Meet with ILS Gary re case review and referrals
4/22	Meet with Adult Guardianship Task Force (VAS)
4/27	First District Committee Meeting
5/10	Pro Bono Commission Conf Call
5/22	Volunteer Advocates for Seniors Meeting (VAS)
6/20	First District Committee Meeting
7/19	Family Court/ProSe Clinic Advisory Committee Meeting
7/22	Volunteer Advocates for Seniors Meeting
8/30	Volunteer Recognition Event at Railcats Stadium
9/23	Volunteer Advocates for Seniors Meeting
9/26	First District Committee Meeting
10/20-21	Pro Bono Administrators Retreat/ISBA Pro Bono Committee Meeting, Shepherd Dinner
11/8	Legacy Foundation Annual Dinner
11/15	Family Court/Pro Se Advisory Committee Meeting
12/6	Presentation at “Bridge the Gap” – CLE for new lawyers

2005 REPORT

Please provide a short summary of how the provision of pro bono service is coordinated in your district, including the intake process, the relationships of pro bono providers in the district, how referrals are made, and how reporting is done.

Aside from Indiana Legal Services and the Valparaiso University School of Law student clinics, the only other known provider of civil pro bono services in the First District is the City of Hammond Legal Aid Clinic established in late 2004. That clinic limits its services to individuals who have been residents of the city of Hammond for at least nine (9) months and is staffed by two (2) attorneys, a secretary, and legal interns using substantial funds appropriated by the Hammond City Council. The City has executed a policy requiring attorneys who have contracts with the City to do a certain amount of pro bono work. Staff attorneys also provide representation.

We have a cordial and collaborative relationship with all three of the above entities. The City of Hammond staff will be sharing the names and hours donated by their volunteers.

Our intake process: We do all the pro bono referrals for clients of the Gary and South Bend ILS offices in the counties in our district. ILS staff forwards intake and eligibility information to us. Last year we received 125 referrals from ILS, about 1/3 of our total intake. We also take applications via phone and email from individuals referred by various social services entities, courts, other attorneys, and the Web. Our Plan Administrator also provides a substantial amount of legal advice to clients while they are on the waiting list for an attorney.

We send regular queries to our volunteers to track the status of the case, the number of hours donated, and any requests for supportive services or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. Upon notification by the attorney that representation is concluded, a satisfaction questionnaire is sent to the client. Favorable responses are forwarded to the volunteer as part of our thank you process.

Please describe any special circumstances, including difficulties encountered, affecting your District's 2005 implementation of its plan.

Our Plan Administrator was out of the office for about a month total due to surgery in May 2005. Other than that our only substantial difficulty, other than the very tight IOLTA funding in 2005, remains the need for more volunteers to meet the volume of requests for assistance. Second to that is the "not right now" syndrome of attorneys who have volunteered in the past.

Attorneys in our smaller counties seem to recognize the need and step up, recognizing that they are essentially "the only game in town", in a much higher percentage than in our three largest counties. However, our Plan Administrator has taken the approach of not waiting for an attorney to volunteer but sending out requests as soon as she is aware of the kind of practice in which the attorney engages, assuming that the attorneys are by now aware of the IOLTA project. This has resulted in a number of additions to the volunteer list.

Getting attorneys to take the time to report on the status of their cases is also quite a burden. Some sort of mandatory reporting as is being implemented in some other states, would be a blessing!

Last but not least, due to our extensive waiting list in the family law area and despite moving the most urgent cases to the top of the list where we can, we lose track of a significant number of clients when much time passes prior to their coming up for referral.

BUDGETS for 2005, 2006 and 2007

Income Category	2005 Actual Income	2005 Budget	2006 Actual Income as of 5/31/06	2006 Budget	2007 Budget
A. INCOME	-	-	-	-	-
1. IOLTA Grant Amount	66,000.00	66,000	80,000.00	80,000	110,000.00
Other Income: <i>Explain source(s) and if Actual/Expected in narrative</i>			0		
2. Atty & Bar Associations Contributions	13,740.00	11,700	10,305.00	8,800	9,000.00
3. Grants, CLE fees, Railcats Tickets	7909.12	7,400	15,000.00	5,000	0
4. Bank Interest	599.97	0	704.89.	0	0
5. Total Income (sum of lines A1 - A4)	\$88,249.09	\$85,100	\$106,009.89	\$ 93,800	\$119,000
6. Carryover from Prior	3164.59	3330.00	851.07	0	1800
INCOME PLUS CARRY-OVER FROM PRIOR:	91,413.68	86,930.	106,860.07	851.07	120,800
Expense Category	2005 Actual Expenditures	2005 Budget	2006 Actual Expenditures To Date	2006 Budget	2007 Budget
B. PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES					
1. Plan Administrator + ER taxes	69,952.56	70,000	35,383.97	70,000	75,000
2. Paralegals	0	0	0	0	5,500
3. Others - Please explain	0	0	0	0	0
4. Employee benefits					
a. Insurance (Workers Comp)	0	0	427.00	1000	750
b. Retirement plans	0	0	0	0	0
c. Other - Please explain	0	0	0	0	0
5. Total Personnel expenditures (sum of lines B1 - B4c)	\$69,952.56	\$70,000	\$35,810.97	\$ 71,000	\$81,550
C. NON-PERSONNEL EXPENDITURES					
1. Occupancy	9,600	8000	4800.00	9,600	9,600
2. Equipment Rental/service/purchase	574.10	475	60.00	500	2,500
3. Office Supplies	1,445.32	2000	531.96	2000	2,500
4. Telephone	2,729.96	3000	1423.11	3000	3,000
5. Travel	24.96	0	8.32	0	1,500
6. Training/Conference Fes (Staff)	167.80	0	0	0	500
7. Library	0	0	0	0	0
8. Malpractice Insurance & Bd Liability	1394.00	1,300	0	1,400	2,000
9. Dues and Fees	150.00	0	166.00	500	500
10. Contingent Reserve	0	0	0	0	2,500
11. Litigation Reserve	0	0	0	0	2,000

12. Marketing and promotion	190.40	0	0	2500	2,000
13. Attorney recognition	3284.74	0	0	0	4,500
14. Litigation expenditures	1251.91	1500	271.37	1500	2,500
15. Property Acquisition	0	0	0	0	0
16. Contract Services - audit	0	0	0	0	3,000.00
17. Grants to other pro bono providers	0	0	0	0	0
18. Other - Please explain	0	0	0	0	0
19. Total Non-Personnel Expenditures (sum of lines C1 - C18)	\$20,813.19	16,274	7260.96	\$21,000	39,100
D. TOTAL EXPENDITURES (sum of B5 & C19)	\$90,765.75	86,275	42,708.19	\$92.000	120,650.00
E. ENDING FUND BALANCE (A5 less D)	647.93	655.	64,1151.78	\$ 1,800	\$150

Budget Narrative

Please provide descriptions of the following line items in the foregoing budget chart, by item number, in the space provided. Please explain any other budget entries that are not self-explanatory, including other sources of income.

Lines (A)(1), (2), (3), (4) Please indicate the number of hours per week for each personnel position, rate of pay, and all employee benefits: Plan Administrator – 40 hours - \$65,000 (2005); projected to return to \$70,000 in 2007 after she took a voluntary reduction past two years due to IOLTA/budgetary considerations; reimbursement for mileage also to resume; We also would like to hire a part-time paralegal to assist with intake.

Line (B)(1) Please describe the occupancy cost in terms of square footage, utilities or other amenities and indicate whether the occupancy cost is above or below the market rate for that space: One room office, shared secretary/receptionist, use of copy machine, DSL internet access, library, and kitchen facilities

Line (A)(3) (2005): We received a \$5000 one-time grant in 2005 from the Legacy Foundation (Lake County) to help us meet budget for that year due to IOLTA decrease.

Line (A)(3) (2006):We received an unexpected donation of \$15,000 in January, 2006 from the Berger Estate for our work that benefits children, thanks to one of our volunteer attorneys, Thomas Rutkowski, from Michigan City.

Line (C)(2)(2007): Our Plan Administrator has been using her personal laptop. We intend to purchase a new computer and update our software.

Lines (C)(12) and (C)(13) (2005 and 2006): In 2005 we received one-time only donations from several law firms and attorneys to underwrite our Volunteer Recognition Event which we now hope to be able to include in our regular budget.

Lines (C)(10, 11, & 16): We also have not been able to budget for litigation or other reserves since IOLTA interest rates declined. We also need a formal audit to use if/when soliciting funds from non-IOLTA sources such as local foundations.

Line (E) (2006): This number differs from amount on page 1 because it reflects non-IOLTA funds potentially left over at the conclusion of the relevant plan year.

ANNUAL TIMETABLE FOR SUBMISSION OF FORMS AND CHECKS:

January 1:	Checks distributed
July 1:	Annual report, plan and grant application due to IPBC
November:	Notification of awards
December 1:	IBF grant agreement due and revised budget due

The following representations, made to the best of our knowledge and belief, are being provided to the Indiana Pro Bono Commission and Indiana Bar Foundation in anticipation of their review and evaluation of our funding request and our commitment and value to our Pro Bono District.

Operation under Rule 6.6

In submitting this application for funding, this district is representing itself as having a Pro Bono Plan, which is pursuant to **Rule 6.6** of the Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct. The plan enables attorneys in our district to discharge their professional responsibilities to provide civil legal pro bono services; improves the overall delivery of civil legal services to persons of limited means by facilitating the integration and coordination of services provided by pro bono organizations and other legal assistance organizations in our district; and ensures access to high quality and timely pro bono civil legal services for persons of limited means by (1) fostering the development of new civil legal pro bono programs where needed and (2) supporting and improving the quality of existing civil legal pro bono programs. The plan also fosters the growth of a public service culture within the district which values civil legal pro bono publico service and promotes the ongoing development of financial and other resources for civil legal pro bono organizations.

We have adhered to **Rule 6.6** (f) by having a district pro bono committee composed of:

- A. the judge designated by the Supreme Court to preside;
- B. to the extent feasible, one or more representatives from each voluntary bar association in the district, one representative from each pro bono and legal assistance provider in the district, and one representative from each law school in the district; and
- C. at least two (2) community-at-large representatives, one of whom shall be a present or past recipient of pro bono publico legal services.

We have determined the governance of our district pro bono committee as well as the terms of service of our members. Replacement and succession members are appointed by the judge designated by the Supreme Court.

Pursuant to **Rule 6.6** (g) to ensure an active and effective district pro bono program, we:

- A. prepare in written form, on an annual basis, a district pro bono plan, including any county sub-plans if appropriate, after evaluating the needs of the district and making a determination of presently available pro bono services;
- B. select and employ a plan administrator to provide the necessary coordination and administrative support for the district pro bono committee;
- C. implement the district pro bono plan and monitor its results; and
- D. submit an annual report to the Commission.

Commitment to Pro Bono Program Excellence

We also understand that ultimately the measure of success for a civil legal services program, whether a staffed or volunteer attorney program, is the outcomes achieved for clients, and the relationship of these outcomes to clients' most critical legal needs. We agree to strive for the following hallmarks which are characteristics enhancing a pro bono program's ability to succeed in providing effective services addressing clients' critical needs.

1. Participation by the local bar associations and attorneys. The associations and attorneys believe the program is necessary and beneficial.

2. Centrality of client needs. The mission of the program is to provide high quality free civil legal services to low-income persons through volunteer attorneys. Client needs drive the program, balanced by the nature and quantity of resources available.

3. Program priorities. The program engages in a priority-setting process, which determines what types of problems the program will address. Resources are allocated to matters of greatest impact on the client and are susceptible to civil legal resolution. The program calls on civil legal providers and other programs serving low-income people to assist in this process.

4. Direct representation component. The core of the program is direct representation in which volunteer attorneys engage in advocacy on behalf of low-income persons. Adjunct programs such as advice clinics, pro se clinics and paralegal assistance are dictated by client needs and support the core program.

5. Coordination with state and local civil legal providers and bar associations. The programs work cooperatively with the local civil legal providers. The partnerships between the civil legal providers and the local bar association results in a variety of benefits including sharing of expertise, coordination of services, and creative solutions to problems faced by the client community.

6. Accountability. The program has mechanisms for evaluating the quality of service it provides. It expects and obtains reporting from participating attorneys concerning the progress/outcome of referred cases. It has the capability to demonstrate compliance with requirements imposed by its funding source(s), and it has a grievance procedure for the internal resolution of disputes between attorneys and clients.

7. Continuity. The program has a form of governance, which ensures the program will survive changes in bar leadership, and has operational guidelines, which enable the program to survive a change in staff.

8. Cost-effectiveness. The program maximizes the level of high quality civil legal services it provides in relationship to the total amount of funding received.

9. Minimization of barriers. The program addresses in a deliberate manner linguistic, sensory, physical and cultural barriers to clients' ability to receive services from the program. The program does not create undue administrative barriers to client access.

10. Understanding of ethical considerations. The program operates in a way which is consistent with the Rules of Professional Conduct; client confidentiality is assured and conflicts of interest are avoided. The staff and volunteers are respectful of clients and sensitive to their needs.

11. ABA Standards. The program is designed to be as consistent with the ABA Standards for Programs Providing Civil Pro Bono Legal Services to Persons of Limited Means as possible.

No events, shortages or irregularities have occurred and no facts have been discovered which would make the financial statements provided to you materially inaccurate or misleading. To our knowledge there is nothing reflecting unfavorably upon the honesty or integrity of members of our organization. We have accounted for all known or anticipated operating revenue and expense in preparing our funding request.

We agree to provide human-interest stories promoting Pro Bono activities in a timely manner upon request of the Indiana Bar Foundation or Indiana Pro Bono Commission. We further agree to make ourselves available to meet with the Pro Bono Commission and/or the Indiana Bar Foundation to answer any questions or provide any material requested which serves as verification/source documentation for the submitted information.

Explanation of items stricken from the above Letter of Representation:

It is understood that this Letter does not replace the Grant Agreement or other documents required by the Indiana Bar Foundation or Indiana Pro Bono Commission.

Signatures:

Judicial Appointee Signature

Date

Plan Administrator Signature

Date